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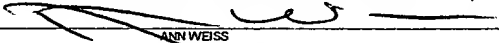
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lin et al.
Serial No. 09/374,142
Filed: August 11, 1999
For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING OR TREATING IRRITABLE
BOWEL SYNDROME AND OTHER DISORDERS CAUSED
BY SMALL INTESTINAL BACTERIAL OVERGROWTH
Examiner: Roark, J.
Unit: 1644

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

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| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED ON June 21, 2001 WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231. | |
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Applicant herewith corrects an inadvertent misstatement in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which Applicant mailed on June 20, 2001. To wit, the filing of the Supplemental Disclosure Statement actually was not accompanied by "a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 together with the requisite fee under § 1.17(e)." Applicant's attorney regrets the inclusion of the erroneous statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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